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1. USIA Headquarters recently issued an order directing the managers of USIA-controlled firms to dismiss their non-Communist employees and to hire those Communist workers who have been fired from enterprises in the Allied Zones of Austria because they participated in the Communist-led strikes of 4-6 October 1950.*

2. In compliance with this order, the USIA-controlled J.M. Voith plant in St. Poelten, Lower Austria, has just released 200 non-Communist employees and hired 80 workers, who were dismissed from the Steyr Works of Steyr-Daimler-Puch A.G. in Upper Austria (U.S. Zone).**

25X1   Comment: According to a report dated 12 August 1950 and ☐ 25X1
a similar order was issued in August 1950.

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25X1   that 24 Communists were laid off by the Steyr Works and
immediately transported by truck to the J.M. Voith plant where they were
hired in a body.

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